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Honorable George R. Ariyoshi  
Acting Governor  
Executive Chambers  
Honolulu HI 96801

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Ariyoshi:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 14, 1974 requesting approval of the State of Hawaii program to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System as provided for in Section 402(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (PL 92-500).

We have also received the documents referred to in your letter which describe Hawaii's permit program. We are presently reviewing these materials to determine whether they constitute a full and complete description of your program. We expect to complete this review very shortly and will advise Dr. Quisenberry if any additional information is required.

When it has been determined that we have a full and complete description of your state's permit program, you will be advised and arrangements will be made for a joint state-federal public hearing in Honolulu to receive the views of the public on your request. This Agency will suspend the issuance of NPDES permits in Hawaii (except for Federal installations) not later than ninety days after a complete application has been received unless it is determined that Hawaii's permit program does not conform in all respects to the guidelines and requirements of the Act.

I am most heartened to see Hawaii take this initiative toward implementation of the intent of Congress that the States administer the NPDES program within their boundaries. You may be assured of our full cooperation in bringing about the transfer of this program in an effective and expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
Russell Freeman  
for Paul De Falco, Jr.  
Regional Administrator